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In re application of: **Gary F. Hirsch, Robert T. Patton, David M. Hall**
Assignee: **Environmental Textiles USA, Inc.**
Application No.: **09/963,854** Group No.: **1746**
Filed: **September 26, 2001** Examiner: **Frankie L. Stinson**
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Respectfully submitted,

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